

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for determining a cost for using a standby resource in a computer system, wherein the standby resource is activated in response to a resource requirement, the method comprising:

automatically determining a cause of the resource requirement, wherein determining the cause of the resource requirement further includes detecting an occurrence of a failure;
retrieving a code associated with the determined cause from an electronic log;
in response to retrieving the code, correlating the code to a charge indicator, wherein the charge indicator pertains at least in part to the determined cause, and wherein the charge indicator includes a reduced rate relative to another charge indicator that is correlated to another code that is associated with a cause other than a cause associated with an occurrence of a failure;

in response to automatically determining the cause of the resource requirement,
determining a duration of standby resource activation; and

determining a the cost for using the standby resource according to the-determined
cause charge indicator and the duration of standby resource activation such that the cost for
using the standby resource is reduced relative to if the cause of the resource requirement was
for other than an occurrence of a failure.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising billing a user according to the determined cost.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the cost for using the standby resource further includes automatically determining the cost.

5.-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the ~~cost for using the standby resource~~ duration of standby activation further includes recording at least one of a time the standby resource was activated and a subsequent time that the standby resource was inactivated.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the cause of the resource requirement further includes detecting a performance problem.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the cause of the resource requirement further includes retrieving encoded adjustment data from a memory in communication with the computer.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the cause of the resource requirement further includes recording a code relating to the cause in an electronic log.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the cause of the resource requirement further includes retrieving at least one of ~~a~~ the code and adjustment data from a remote memory.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 14, wherein determining the occurrence of the failure further includes determining the occurrence from a group consisting of: a disk drive failure, a bug, a power loss, an indication of performance, an ineffective program fix, a user related error, a hardware related error and a software related error.

16.-34. (Canceled)

35. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the standby resource is a first standby resource that is activated in response to a first resource requirement, wherein the charge indicator is a first charge indicator, and wherein the method further comprises, in response to activating a second standby resource in response to a second resource requirement:

automatically determining a cause of the second resource requirement, wherein determining the cause of the second resource requirement further includes detecting a cause other than an occurrence of a failure;

retrieving a second code associated with the determined cause of the second resource requirement from the electronic log;

in response to retrieving the second code, correlating the second code to a second charge indicator pertaining at least in part to the determined cause of the second resource requirement, wherein the second charge indicator includes a higher rate relative to the first charge indicator;

in response to automatically determining the cause of the second resource requirement, determining a second duration of second standby resource activation; and

determining a cost for using the second standby resource according to the second charge indicator and the second duration.